

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 9, and 15 have been amended. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 9, and 15 can be found at at least page 20, lines 5-20 and page 29, lines 5-12 of the specification as originally filed. Claims 1-21 are currently pending.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,652,412 to Lazzouni et al. ("Lazzouni") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,976 to Dymetman et al. ("Dymetman"). Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the feature of "wherein the electronic display device is adapted to request an application description corresponding to the specific application from an application server, and retrieve the application description corresponding to the specific application from the application server." Applicant respectfully submits that Lazzouni in view of Dymetman fails to teach or suggest at least this feature of independent claim 1.

Lazzouni describes a pen and paper information recording system that includes a writing paper having a writing surface, and a prerecorded pattern of pixels associated with the writing surface. Lazzouni further describes that the system includes a pen having a tip for writing on the surface and a detector for detecting the position of the tip on the writing surface by reading the pixels and obtaining position information when the tip is in contact with the writing surface.

The Office Action indicates that "Lazzouni differs from claims 1 and 15 in that he does not specifically teach at least a portion of the address pattern identifies a specific application." The Office Action alleges that Figures 1, 2, 6A, & 9, column 12, lines 59-67, column 17, lines 36-38, and from column 23, line 46 to column 24, line 64 of Dymetman teach this feature and indicates that "it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the portion of the address pattern [that] identifies a specific application as taught by Dymetman in the system of Lazzouni in order to obtain the automatic action in [a] way that does not disturb normal reading activity."

Dymetman describes a marking medium with machine-readable markings that encode an action/medium identifier which identifies an area of the marking medium and an action that can be produced through a network. The cited portions of Dymetman describe a digital page that receives a position of a pointer, and must determine if that position is within an active region by having a description of the active regions on the page. Dymetman further describes that once the digital page has determined that a position is within an active region, it can cause an action to be executed. However, Applicant respectfully submits that Lazzouni and Dymetman each fail to teach or suggest at least the feature of independent claim 1 as amended of an electronic display device adapted to request an application description corresponding to a specific application from an application server and retrieve the application description corresponding to the specific application from the application server. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 distinguishes over Lazzouni in view of Dymetman and requests that the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection of independent claim 1 be withdrawn.

Independent claim 15 has been amended to include the feature of “wherein the electronic display device is adapted to request an application description corresponding to the specific application from an application server, and retrieve the application description corresponding to the specific application from the application server.” For similar reasons as those discussed with respect to independent claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that neither Lazzouni nor Dymetman teach or suggest at least this feature of independent claim 15. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 15 distinguishes over Lazzouni in view of Dymetman and requests that the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection of independent claim 15 be withdrawn.

Claims 2-14 and 16-21 are dependent upon and include the limitations of independent claims 1 and 15, respectively. For at least the reasons as discussed with respect to independent claims 1 and 15, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-14 and 16-21 also distinguish over Lazzouni in view of Dymetman and requests that the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection of claims 2-14 and 16-21 be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently-pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

A copy of each reference on the PTO/SB/08 is attached.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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